



**TEACHERS GREETED** ... Most of the nearly 200 new teachers in the Torrance school system were greeted to a school by under the sponsorship of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, at Torrance Park Thursday afternoon. Here part of the occasion in getting ready, out of the gate.

# County Supervisors Set School Tax Rate at \$3.20

The tax rate for the Torrance Unified School District will increase to \$3.2041 per \$100 assessed valuation for the 1958-59 school year. Although the district's costs per student were lowest in the county last year.

The County Board of Supervisors acted Tuesday to set the official tax rate for the next school year. Taxes for 1958-59 will be an increase from last year's \$2.8781 figure. Included in the total are an additional 16 cents for current operating expenses, due to higher costs, and one cent for payment on state loan funds. The remainder of the increase is caused by fluctuations in the bond tax rate.

A BREAKDOWN of the 1958-59 Torrance school taxes is as follows: Current operating expenses, \$2,924.9; bond retirement and interest, \$4,892.6; employee retirement, \$956.8; teacher retirement, \$400; state loan fund repayment, \$911.2.

At the same time figures released by the County Superintendent of Schools showed that the Torrance district's average costs for the last year were the lowest of any unified school district in the county at \$323.21 per student.

plant maintenance and fixed charges—the district's cost per student were lowest in the county. In four others—administration, instruction, auxiliary services, and plant operation—costs were considerably below the county average. Transportation costs were somewhat above average.

Torrance's cost per student

compared with the county average in parentheses were: Administration, \$12.88 (\$13.13); instruction, \$23.18 (\$23.50); auxiliary services, \$9.30 (\$10.08); plant operation, \$36.16 (\$40.73); plant maintenance, \$8.03 (\$16.08); fixed charges, \$12.09 (\$16.61); and transportation, \$7.38 (\$4.83).

## 23,500 Ready to Start Back to School Thursday

It will be back to the books Thursday for some 23,500 Torrance students.

Classes at 23 elementary schools and three high schools will begin Thursday, with an increase of about 2150 students over last year's enrollment. One new school, Calle Mayor Elementary School, will be open for the first time, with four other schools slated to open later in the school year.

High school students will report at 7:45 p.m. Thursday at their respective schools. Regular sessions at South and Tor-

rance High will be from 8 to 2:55. At North High, seniors, athletes, and students who ride buses will attend from 7:45 to 2:45, while all other students will go from 8:45 to 3:45.

Elementary students will attend at times indicated by their schools.

Double sessions will not be as heavy this year as in 1957, with some 4500 students attending half days. Last year, 3343 students opened on double session. Completion of four new elementary schools later in the year is expected to lessen this figure considerably and eliminate half-day sessions at some schools.

## Superintendent Explains Bond Issue to Civic Group

How many more in 1964? Superintendent of Schools Dr. Hill explained the question to the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association Thursday night, as he told why the Torrance Unified School District has placed a bond issue on the ballot Oct. 24.

The money from the bond issue is needed, he said, to provide 300 new classrooms for Torrance's rapidly growing school population. Dr. Hill said that by 1964, enrollment is expected to climb from the present 23,500 to at least

22,600. The 300 additional classrooms and 147 now under construction would house the added students and minimize double sessions, he said. Approval of the bond issue would give the Torrance School District the means to build the needed new facilities without raising the tax rate, he reported. A favorable vote on the bond issue would authorize the board to sell bonds within legal limits. A negative vote would not lower the tax rate and said that if 1964 enrollment would mean that the present building program would stop.

## GARDENERS CHECKLIST

1. Keep roses well watered and kept cutting back faded blooms. Remember that roses in late fall depend on the care you give them now.
2. Don't overlook cinerias for late winter and spring bloom. Put up a few plants and you can enjoy their showy colors on patio and porch or even inside.
3. Container plants of chrysanthemums in full bloom are available at nurseries now. You can brighten your fall garden with their rich autumn tones.
4. Repot bulbs now for planting next month. Work peat and sand into heavy soils; peat or floor manure into sandy soils. The bulbs respond with bigger and better blooms to this added touch.
5. Lawn moths are still a problem in September. If your lawn is bothered by them, your nurseryman can show you an effective spray or dust to clear them out.

## Effectiveness of Ram Defenses Is Proved

The effectiveness of the Ram defenses in the last three weeks in borne out ... with emphasis ... in the cumulative three-game statistics released today.

In three games, against the Redskins, Giants and Browns,

the Rams have given up only three touchdowns, while three of the 10 Ram 6-pointers actually were scored by the defensive unit. The Ram forward wall has allowed these opponents a total of only 138 yards passing, an average of just 45 yards per game.

## School District Tax Assessments Reported

Assessed valuation of the Torrance Unified School District for 1958-59 will be \$181,289,230, with about \$1.9 million in valuations contested, according to word received by local school officials.

## Board Hears Influence of City Schools

Approximately 70 per cent of the new residents of Torrance were influenced to move here by what they heard about the school system, the city's Welcome Wagon hostess told the Torrance School Board Tuesday night at its regular meeting.

Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, who, with three assistants, calls on new families in the city, said the figures were compiled while the ladies were talking to the families.

"There is so much criticism of education nowadays, that I thought you would like to hear something good," Mrs. Stoeckle, a former PTA president, declared.

She said that Welcome Wagon found that 90 per cent of the new residents have children. Of these, 75 per cent have children in public school, 12 have children of pre-school age, and three have children in private schools.

Her talks with new residents convinced her that the reputation of a school system was one of the major factors in selection of a new home. Residents reported that the Torrance system had been recommended to them by both neighbors and other school systems.

## Guest Speaker Is Announced

"Rich Results of Right Thinking" will be the subject of today's service at the Church of Religious Science to be held in the Torrance YWCA.

Ted Romessa, well known in the Los Angeles and Hollywood areas, will preach the sermon. Guest soloist will be Mrs. Gloria Schummer. The services will start at 7:30 p.m.

Last Sunday's services, with plans of the future for the church discussed. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

## Legion Names New Adjutant

George A. Marshall, 4810 Carmelynn, has been appointed adjutant of Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion. Marshall served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, with rating as RM3C. During the Okinawa campaign he was assigned to the Marines and was wounded in action during that campaign.

Marshall is a high school graduate from Columbus, O. In 1950 he married Miss Charlotte Meade of Louisa, Ky. He is presently employed by North American Aviation at Inglewood.

The Saturday night dances sponsored by Post 170 are gaining in popularity. Each week shows an increase in attendance, according to Commander J. Rone-Gatley. The dances are free and open to the public.

Over 20 new members have been added to the rolls of the Torrance post and several more new applications will be presented at the regular business meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 8 p.m.

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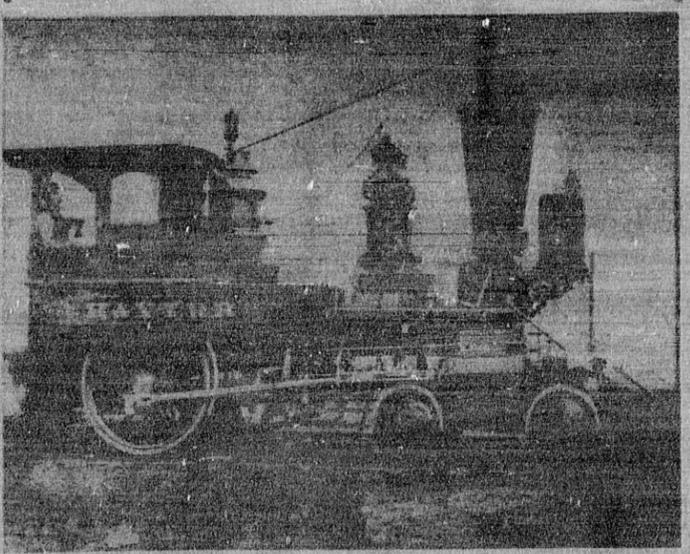
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